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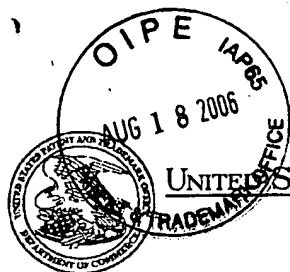
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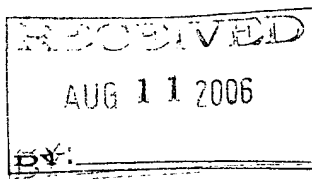
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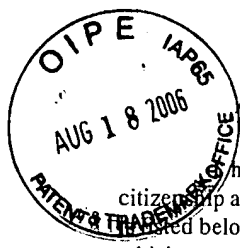
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SPECIFICATION

Sequin Sewing Apparatus

Technical Field

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The present invention relates to a sequin sewing apparatus which sews sequins onto a sewn-to member while severing the sequins from a strip of continuously-connected sequins, and more particularly to a sequin sewing apparatus which is capable of sewing a plurality of sequins in an overlapped state to a sewn-to member.

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Background Art

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Conventionally, there has been known a sequin sewing apparatus (also referred to as a spangle sewing machine) which fixes sequins or small annular pieces called spangles to a cloth (sewn-to member) so as to decorate the cloth. Examples of the conventional sequin sewing apparatus are disclosed in Patent Publications 1 and 2 stated below. In such a sequin sewing apparatus, a strip of a multiplicity of continuously-connected sequins (spangles) is played out or let out from a reel, having the continuous sequin strip wound thereon, and then the continuous sequin strip is fed out, through feeding operation of a suitable feeding mechanism, at a predetermined pitch corresponding to the size of one sequin. One sequin is sewn onto a sewn-to member while being severed from the continuous sequin strip having been fed in the interlocked relation to sewing operation by a needle bar of the sewing machine.

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With the above conventional sequin sewing apparatus, the continuous sequin strip is fed by means of a feed roller having a multiplicity of projections on its outer periphery.

Patent Publication 1: Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication (Kokai) No. H02-13495

Patent Publication 2: Japanese Patent No. 2732869

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